Mr. SPEAKER.—If the Hon'ble Members are willing to take up the motion, on the Krishna water we shall do so. Now I will ascertain the opinion of the House. Is it the pleasure of the House to sit for 2 more hours to discuss this motion and other business ?

Hon'ble Members : —Yes.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—I am making a submission. I am not against the House sitting for longer period. What I wanted to say was that it is the consensus of the House that the matter relating to the amendment of Rules and the motion that I have tabled for amending the rules for appointment of a Committee on Government Undertakings and also Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes should be given preference. I am drawing your kind attention to Rule No. 27. Its proviso reads thus :

> "Provided that such order of business shall not be varied on the day that business is set down for disposal unless the Speaker is satisfied that there is sufficient ground for such variation."

If you are satisfied that there are grounds for variation, I would submit that the chair may kindly consider giving priority to the matters relating to the amendment of rules and the appointment of the Committee instead of taking up the matter relating to the Krishna waters.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Now the time is extended by 2 hours. Under the provisions of Rule 27, I take up the other items stated by the Hon'ble Minister and then take up the motion on the Krishna waters.

Amendments to rules of procedure and conduct of Business in the Legislative Assembly

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—I beg leave to move amendments to the Rules of Procedure.

Sri M. NAGAPPA.—I rise to a point of order. There are already some rules and there is a Rules Committee. Piece-meal amendments cannot be made. Therefore, the entire matter should be considered.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I do not see any force in the point of order. Now, is it the pleasure of the House to grant leave to amend the Rules of Procedure ?

Hon'ble Members.— Yes.

Mr. SPEAKER.—"Leave is granted."

7-00 P.M.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—Sir, I beg to move :

"That the following amendments to rules 250, 253, 256 and 267 to the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Legislative Assembly, namely :

1. *Rule 250* :—The following proviso shall be added to this rule :—

"Provided that the Committee shall not exercise its functions in relation to such Public Undertakings as are allotted to the Committee on Public Undertakings by these rules or by the Speaker."

2. *Rule 253* :—The following proviso shall be added to this rule :—

"Provided that the Committee shall not exercise its functions in relation to such Public Undertakings as are allotted to the Committee on Public Undertakings by these rules or by the Speaker."

3. *New Rules* :—After Rule 256, the following new rules shall be added :—

"256 A. There shall be a Committee on Public Undertakings for the examination of the working of the public undertakings specified in the Schedule. The functions of the Committee shall be—

(*a*) to examine the reports and accounts of the public undertakings specified in the Schedule ;

(*b*) to examine the reports, if any, of the Comptroller and Auditor-General on the Public Undertakings ;

(*c*) to examine, in the context of the autonomy and efficiency of the public undertakings, whether the affairs of the public undertakings are being managed in accordance with sound business principles and prudent commercial practices ; and

(*d*) to exercise such other functions vested in the Committee on public Accounts and the Committee on Estimates in relation to the public undertakings specified in the..... Schedule as are not covered by clauses (a), (b) and (c) above and as may be allotted to the Committee by the Speaker from time to time :

Provided that the Committee shall not examine and investigate any of the following namely :

(i) matters of major Government policy as distinct from business or commercial functions of the public undertakings ;

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(ii) matters of day to day administration ;

(iii) matters for the consideration of which machinery is established by any special statute under which a particular public undertaking is established.

256-B.—(1) The Committee shall consist of —

(*a*) nine members elected by the House from amongst its members according to the principle of proportional representation by means of single transferable vote ;

(*b*) three members from the Legislative Council ;

Provided that a Minister shall not be elected a member of the Committee and that if a member, after his election to the Committee, is appointed a Minister, he shall cease to be a member of the Committee from the date of such appointment :

Provided further that the members of the First Committee shall be nominated by the speaker.

(2) The Committee shall hold office for a period of one year or until the next Committee is appointed."

SCHEDULE

(A). *List of Statutory Croporations/Board.*

1. The Mysore State Financial Corporation.
2. The Mysore State Warehousing Corporation.
3. The Mysore State Road Transport Corporation.
4. The Mysore State Electricity Board.
5. Mysore State Construction Corporation Limited.
6. Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board.

(B). *List of Government Companies.*

1. Mysore Sugar Company Limited.
2. Mysore Small Industries Corporation Limited.
3. Mysore Lac and Paint Works Limited.
4. Mysore Chrome Tanning Company Limited.
5. Mahboob Shahikalburga Mills Company Limited.
6. Hutti Gold Mines Company Limited.
7. Mysore State Handicrafts Development Corporation.
8. Mysore Iron and Steel Limited.
9. Mysore State Iudustrial Invesetment and Development Corporaation Limited.
10. New Government Electric Factory Limited.
11. Radio and Electrical Manufacturing Company Limited.
12. Mysore State Agro-Industries Coporation limited.

4. *After rule 267 the following new rules shall be added* :—

" 267 D. There shall be a Committee of both Houses of the Legislature to be called " The Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes/Scheuled Tribes" consisting of twelve members nine from the Legislative Assembly and three from the Legislative Council, to be elected according to the principle of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote ;

Provided that a Minister shall not be elected a Member of the Committee and that if a Member, after his election to the Committe, is appointed a Minister, he shall cease to be Member thereof from the date of such appointment ;

267 E. The functions of the Committee shall be :—

(i) to review the progress and implementation of the welfare programmes and other ameliorative measures as also constitutional safeguards for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes ;

(ii) to suggest ways and means of realising the objective of Government policy to bring about improvement in the conditions of these classes in the shortest possible time ;

267 F. The term of office of the Committee shall be one year or until the next Committee is appointed whichever is later provided that the Members of the first Committee shall be nominated by the Speaker ;

267 G. In order to constitute a sitting of the Committee, the quorum shall be five ;

MR. SPEAKER.—The question is :

" That the amendments to Rule 250, 253 and insertion of new rules 256 A, 256 B, 267 D, and 267 E, F, G and H. be taken into consideration.

The motion was adopted.

MR. SPEAKER.—I will now put the individual rules to vote of the House. Amendment to rule 250. The question is :

" That 250 the following proviso shall be added to rule 250 :

" Provided that the Committee shall not exercise its functions in relation to such Public Undertakings as are allotted to the Committee on Public Undertakings by these Rules or by the Speaker."

The motion was adopted.

The proviso was added to rule 250.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Amendment to Rule 253. The question is:

That the following proviso shall be added to rule 253:

"Provided that the Committee shall not exercise its functions in relation to such Public Undertakings as are allotted to the Committee on Public Undertakings by these rules or by the Speaker."

The motion was adopted.

The proviso was added to rule 253.

Mr. SPAKER.—Insertion of new Rules 256 A and 256 B.

Sri M. Nagappa has proposed an amendment to Rule 256A. He may move the amendment.

Sri M. NAGAPPA.—Sir, I beg to move the following amendment.

That the words 'such other public undertakings as named from time to time by the Speaker' shall be inserted, after the words 'in the scheduled to Rule 256A.'

Mr. SPEAKER.—Amendment moved:

"That the words 'such other public undertakings as named from time to time by the Speaker' shall be inserted after the words 'in the schedule to Rule 256A'."

† Sri M. NAGAPPA.—The purpose of the amendment is that we have given a limited number of public undertakings in the list. There may be a possibility of some more undertakings being included or deleted. Therefore, my contention is that time and again the rule need not be amended. Therefore here in rule 256A such power should be given to the Speaker to name such of the public undertakings which may come into existence after the commencement of these rules. In order to avoid such an anamolous position, I submit that such an amendment is essential.

† Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—I would like to say a word about the amendment. As the House is aware, the Rules Committee have considered all these things in an exhaustive manner and made recommendations and its report has been submitted. Thereafter I know certain hon. Members have tabled some amendments and it was felt that the rules may be taken into consideration and reconsidered in the light of the amendments tabled by the hon. Members. Sri Siddaveerappa has moved an amendment to the effect that these rules may be referred back to the Committee. It is my intention to accept the motion made by Sri Siddaveerappa. If the hon. Member Sri Nagappa agrees, I would suggest that all the amendments he has suggested to the Rules may be sent to the Rules Committee and after all, he would not be losing his right to move the amendment when the Report is re-submitted to this House.